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## **AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

By this amendment, twenty-two (22) claims remain pending in this application which include the multiple dependencies and also include four (4) independent claims. A check in the amount of \$122 is enclosed to cover the fee for two claims in excess of twenty and one independent claim in excess of three.

In response to the Office action of February 25, 2004, paper no. 6, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement abstract on page 16.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper. I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below. Robert F. Bodi ttorney for Applicant(s The PTO did het receive the following Name of a check 05-24-200 listed item(s) # 122. Date Signature of